

June 16, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Synergy Business Park  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: GCRM-152, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-152.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels above the \$2.00 per dekatherm commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's current rates.

Based on the differential between Piedmont's existing benchmark cost of gas and the futures wholesale price, as well as the current balance in its deferred gas cost account, Piedmont is at risk of under-collecting its wholesale gas costs if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not increased to \$3.00 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will mitigate such under-collection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are an increase of \$0.10177/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 242, 252, 203 and 204) and an increase of \$0.00177/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214).

Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in July, 2021.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ T. Richmond McPherson III

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Enclosures

cc: Bruce Barkley  
Pia Powers  
Brian Heslin  
Jim Jeffries  
Office of Regulatory Staff (via email and overnight delivery)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

VERIFICATION

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Quynh Bowman, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Director - Gas Rates & Regulatory Strategy of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing documents and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

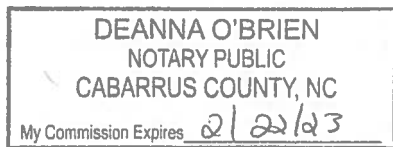
  
Quynh Bowman

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Signed and sworn to before me this day by Quynh Bowman

Date: 6/16/21 Deanna O'Brien  
Notary Public

(Official Seal) My commission expires: 2/22/23



## **SCHEDULE A**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
State of South Carolina  
Proposed Benchmark Commodity Rate Change - GCRM-152, Docket No. 2006-401-G

	(a)	(b)	(c)
	June 2021	GCRM-152	July 2021
	Current	COG Commodity	Proposed
Rate Schedules:	<u>Billing Rates</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Billing Rates</u>
		<u>Change</u>	
<b>201 Residential Service</b>			
Monthly Charge-winter	10.00	-	10.00
Monthly Charge-summer	8.00	-	8.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.84579	0.10177	0.94756
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.78915	0.10177	0.89092
<b>202 Small General Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.71934	0.10177	0.82111
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.70555	0.10177	0.80732
<b>252 Medium General Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	75.00	-	75.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.69355	0.10177	0.79532
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.67976	0.10177	0.78153
<b>242 Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel Service</b>			
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm	0.18141	0.10177	0.28318
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm	0.18141	0.10177	0.28318
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per GGE <sup>2</sup>	0.22858	0.12823	0.35681
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per GGE <sup>2</sup>	0.22858	0.12823	0.35681
<b>243 Experimental Motor Vehicle Fuel Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	<i>varies by customer per their corresponding rate schedule</i>		
Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	<i>varies by customer per their corresponding rate schedule</i>		
Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	<i>varies by customer per their corresponding rate schedule</i>		
<b>203 Large General Sales Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Billing Demand per therm	1.12500	-	1.12500
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.44923	0.10177	0.55100
Next 15,000	0.37952	0.10177	0.48129
Next 75,000	0.33199	0.10177	0.43376
Next 165,000	0.29325	0.10177	0.39502
Next 330,000	0.23711	0.10177	0.33888
Over 600,000	0.20854	0.10177	0.31031
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.37495	0.10177	0.47672
Next 15,000	0.32382	0.10177	0.42559
Next 75,000	0.29485	0.10177	0.39662
Next 165,000	0.27468	0.10177	0.37645
Next 330,000	0.23711	0.10177	0.33888
Over 600,000	0.20854	0.10177	0.31031
<b>204 Interruptible Sales Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.46423	0.10177	0.56600
Next 15,000	0.39952	0.10177	0.50129
Next 75,000	0.35639	0.10177	0.45816
Next 165,000	0.30925	0.10177	0.41102
Next 330,000	0.25711	0.10177	0.35888
Over 600,000	0.22854	0.10177	0.33031
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.38995	0.10177	0.49172
Next 15,000	0.34382	0.10177	0.44559
Next 75,000	0.31925	0.10177	0.42102
Next 165,000	0.29068	0.10177	0.39245
Next 330,000	0.25711	0.10177	0.35888
Over 600,000	0.22854	0.10177	0.33031
<b>205 Outdoor Gas Light Service</b>			
Per Fixture/Mo.	15.00	-	15.00

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		<u>Change</u>	
<b>213 Large General Transportation Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Standby Demand per therm	0.45000	-	0.45000
Billing Demand per therm	0.82500	-	0.82500
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.21923	0.00177	0.22100
Next 15,000	0.15352	0.00177	0.15529
Next 75,000	0.10739	0.00177	0.10916
Next 165,000	0.06855	0.00177	0.07032
Next 330,000	0.03011	0.00177	0.03188
Over 600,000	0.00854	0.00177	0.01031
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.14495	0.00177	0.14672
Next 15,000	0.09782	0.00177	0.09959
Next 75,000	0.07025	0.00177	0.07202
Next 165,000	0.04998	0.00177	0.05175
Next 330,000	0.03011	0.00177	0.03188
Over 600,000	0.00854	0.00177	0.01031
<b>214 Interruptible Transportation Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.23423	0.00177	0.23600
Next 15,000	0.16352	0.00177	0.16529
Next 75,000	0.12139	0.00177	0.12316
Next 165,000	0.07175	0.00177	0.07352
Next 330,000	0.03411	0.00177	0.03588
Over 600,000	0.00854	0.00177	0.01031
Summer (Apr.-Oct.) per therm			
First 15,000	0.15995	0.00177	0.16172
Next 15,000	0.10782	0.00177	0.10959
Next 75,000	0.08425	0.00177	0.08602
Next 165,000	0.05318	0.00177	0.05495
Next 330,000	0.03411	0.00177	0.03588
Over 600,000	0.00854	0.00177	0.01031

1/ The rates in Column (a) are the same as those shown in the Company's ETariff filing revision #E2021-25 (Version 39).

2/ The rates convert 1.26 therms to 1 GGE.

## **SCHEDULE B**

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**  
**State of South Carolina**  
**Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation**  
**Docket No. 2006-401-G**  
**GCRM - 152**

	<u>Annualized Throughput (DT)</u> <u>per Docket 2020-7-G</u> <u>Settlement Approved in</u> <u>Order No. 2020-702, dated 10/14/2020</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Commodity</u> <u>Rate per (DT)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales	15,290,079	\$ 3.00	\$ 45,870,237
Transportation	5,873,344		
Total Throughput	21,163,423		
LAUF %	1.77%		
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	374,593	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,123,779
Total Throughput			21,163,423
Calculated Rate - LAUF			0.0531
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per DT			\$ 3.05310
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.30531
Current Sales Commodity Rate per Therm		\$ 0.20354	
Adjustment to Sales Commodity Rate per Therm		\$ 0.10177	
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate per DT			\$ 0.05310
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.00531
Current Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm		\$ 0.00354	
Adjustment to Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm		\$ 0.00177	
Current Benchmark			\$ 2.00
Proposed Benchmark			\$ 3.00